

## **CHILDREN'S SECTION**

### **HOMELESS YOUTH AND SEXUAL EXPLOITATION**

#### **Program Description**

This program is a combination of two program components: Homeless Youth Emergency Services Program (HY) and Child Sexual Exploitation Intervention Program (JX).

The focus of the program is to help homeless youth exit street life. A youth is considered homeless if he/she is under the age of 24 and does not have a permanent residence. Included is a youth who has runaway from home or has been pushed out of his/her home by parents or guardians, is living in shelters or other temporary housing arrangements, or is living on the streets. Services provided under this program include: access to food; shelter; counseling; outreach services; referrals to other agencies; screening for basic health needs; and long-term stabilization planning.

The program also provides specialized services for youth who are involved in sexual exploitative activities. A youth is sexually exploited if he/she has engaged in survival sex, is a male or female under the age of 18 who exchanges sexual favors for money or other forms of payments to include trading sexual favors for shelter, clothing, or other goods and services, or a youth involved in commercial exploitation such as stripping or pornography.

#### **Eligibility**

Only the following applicants are eligible for this program: Children's Hospital - Los Angeles; Larkin Street Youth Center - San Francisco; San Diego Youth and Community Services - San Diego; and Bill Wilson Center - San Jose

#### **Authorized By**

Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) Section 18277/California State Legislature

#### **Fund Source and Amount**

State General Fund - \$356,000

State Victim Witness Assistance Fund - \$721,500

#### **Grant Award Period**

July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009

#### **Next Competitive/Non Competitive Application Due Date**

Non Competitive - July 1, 2009

#### **Additional Program Information**

The program has nine mandated objectives: Provide outreach services to locate homeless and runaway youth; provide food to homeless and runaway youth; provide temporary safe shelter; provide in-person counseling; provide group counseling; provide basic health care; provide long-term stabilization planning to assist homeless and runaway youth with exiting street life; provide referrals to other services offered by public and private agencies; and provide follow-up services.

#### **How Do I Get More Information**

This program is administered by the Children's Section of the Victim and Children's Branch of the Law Enforcement and Victim Services Division of OES at (916) 324-9120.